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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEWARK	MEMPHIS	5/13/68	4/12-26/68

TITLE OF CASE

JAMES EARL RAY, aka.
Eric Starvo Galt,
Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard,
James Mc Bride,
James Walton,
W. C. Herron,
James O'Conner - FUGITIVE;
REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM
IO #4182, WF #442-A
TOP TEN FUGITIVE

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

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CHARACTER OF CASE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
UFAC - ARMED ROBBERY

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 4/18/68, at Atlanta.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The details of this report contain only the investigation concerning subject [redacted]

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED NONE							CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	ACQUIT-TALS	PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [ ] YES [X] NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [X] NO

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Results of all negative investigation conducted are maintained in Newark file.

A copy of this report for the USA, Birmingham and Memphis has been included with copies for these offices, but not marked as such. Dissemination should be held in abeyance pending Bureau authority.

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NEWARK

AT NEWARK, N.J. 1. Will follow all logical investigation toward the location and apprehension of subject.

ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES, NEW ORLEANS, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS (INFORMATION)

An information copy of this report has been designated for Atlanta, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Chicago, Kansas City and St. Louis in view of investigation conducted by these divisions and in anticipation of subsequent investigation.

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted]
Date: 5/13/68

Office: Newark, New Jersey

Field Office File #: 44-854

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title:

JAMES EARL RAY;
REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM
IO #4182, WF #442-A

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ARMED ROBBERY

Synopsis:

Investigation [redacted]
ERIC S. GALT [redacted] correspondence coming from Montreal, Canada. The records indicate changes of address to Los Angeles, Birmingham and Atlanta. The most recent address is in Atlanta as of March, 1968. Investigation at local banks located photograph of payments by GALT to the Locksmithing Institute. These payments were in the form of two (2) Bank of America Money Orders, two (2) US Postal Money Orders and one (1) Canadian Postal Money Order. The FBI Laboratory has concluded that the hand printing and signatures on the material furnished [redacted] was prepared by the individual responsible for preparing other specimens in this case attributed to ERIC S. GALT. Laboratory reports set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 22, 1968

[redacted] Bank of Bloomfield, 554 Bloomfield Avenue, made available Recordak film which photographically recorded a film record of all the checks and other negotiable instruments handled by the above bank during the following pertinent periods:

7/28 - 8/3/67
8/3 - 8/10/67
1/8 - 1/12/68
1/31 - 2/6/68
3/11 - 3/12/68
4/8 - 4/10/68

The above-described Recordak film records were visually reviewed on a Recordak 310 Film Reader and the following information was developed:

Recordak Film Pack Dated January 8 - 12, 1968

Bank of America Money Order #0799 18 037, in the amount of $15, purchased at the Hollywood-Western Branch, Hollywood, California, and payable through the National Trust and Savings Association, Hollywood, California, issued on January 8, 1968, payable to Locksmithing Institute, purchaser ERIC S. GALT, date of deposit January 10, 1968, account number listed on the bottom of the right-hand corner of the check 7998 85000 and account number listed on the left-hand corner bottom of the check 018037 1223 1007.

Recordak Film Pack Including Date of March 6, 1968

Bank of America Money Order #0799 19 701, in the amount of $7.50, purchased at the Hollywood-Western Branch, Hollywood, California, drawn on the National Trust and Savings Association, Hollywood, California, payable to Locksmithing Institute, dated February 26, 1968, purchaser's name listed as ERIC S. GALT, account number on right-hand bottom of check listed as 7998 85000 and account number listed on left-hand bottom of check 019701 1223 1007, deposited on March 6, 1968.

On 4/15/68 at Bloomfield, New Jersey File # Newark 44-854

by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 4/16/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 29, 1968

Records of the Fidelity Union Trust Company, 765 Broad Street, contain the following items which were received in regular deposits on the dates indicated from the Bank of Bloomfield, 554 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey, a corresponding bank:

Deposit dated July 31, 1967

Canadian Postal Money Order #C31600868, in the sum of $17.50, signed ERIC GALT.

Deposit dated March 11, 1968

U.S. Postal Money Order #1916211078, dated stamped March 8, 1968, in the sum of $15.00, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, and signed ERIC S. GALT.

Deposit dated April 8, 1968

U.S. Postal Money Order #5615657923, date stamped March 28, 1968, in the sum of $7.50, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, and signed ERIC S. GALT.

The above information is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. In the event this information is necessary for court purposes, a subpoena should be directed to any officer of the Fidelity Union Trust Company.

On 4/19 & 4/22/68 at Newark, New Jersey File# Newark 44-854

by SAA [redacted] Date dictated 4/26/68

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The following are the results of an FBI Laboratory Report dated April 17, 1968:

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REPORT
of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 17, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560665 JK
D-560666 JK
D-560667 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received from Los Angeles, 4/12/68

Q127 White envelope bearing typewritten address "MR DALE L. DYKEMA, Receiver 3325 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California. 90005." postmarked "Los Angeles California Annex JA 22 AM 1968"

Q128 Typewritten letter dated 1/21/68, beginning "DEAR SIR, I AM WRITING..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Q129 Letter dated 12/21/67, addressed to "Eric Galt 1535 North Serrano, Hollywood, California," beginning "Dear Mr. Galt: As you know..." and signed "Dale L. Dykema"

Specimens received from Chicago, 4/12/68

Q130 Typewritten letter dated 10/5/67, beginning "Dear Sir: I received..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Q131 Typewritten letter dated 10/22/67, beginning "Dear Sir, I ordered four..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Q132 Typewritten letter dated 11/20/67, beginning "Dear Sir, While in Birmingham..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Q133 Order Blank of the Superior Bulk Film Co., Chicago, Ill. for order in the amount of $337.24, to be shipped to Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Alabama

ALSO SUBMITTED: Six miscellaneous items of correspondence of the Superior Bulk Film Co.

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Specimens received from Newark, 4/13/68

Q134 Enrollment Form [redacted] in the name "Eric S. Galt"

Q135 [redacted] form [redacted] bearing the signature "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

The "Eric S. Galt" signatures on Q128, Q130, Q131, Q132 and Q135 were prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items previously submitted in this case.

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q127, Q128, Q130, Q131, Q132 and Q135 were found to be the same style of type but the lack of identifying defects precluded a determination as to whether the same typewriter prepared all of these items; however, no significant differences were noted between the impressions appearing on these items. The style of type appearing on these specimens conforms to a standard for Royal pica style of type spaced ten letters to the inch. This style of type also appears on a typewriter sold under the Singer name.

It was determined that the hand printing appearing the Q133 order blank and the Q134 enrollment form was prepared by the same individual. No questioned hand printing appears on the other items received.

Indented impressions were noted on the reverse side of the Q128 letter. The names "Ray," "Galt" and "Rily" and numerals "ET3623" were some of the notations interpreted on this item. [illegible] of the indented

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The following are the results of an FBI Laboratory Report dated April 19, 1968:

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REPORT
of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 19, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560919 JK
D-560789 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 4/16/68, from FBI, Newark

Q215 White envelope postmarked "Montreal, P.Q., VII, 1967," bearing return address "Eric S. Galt 2589 - Rue Notre Dame Est. Montreal, Canada, Quebec" and hand printed address [redacted]

Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Chicago

K35 Nine sheets of paper bearing known handwriting and hand printing of GINGER NANCE

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on the Q215 envelope was prepared by the individual responsible for the preparation of the hand printing on [redacted] and the Superior Bulk Film Company order blank which were previously submitted in this matter.

No significant indented impressions were noted on this envelope.

Except for the word "broult" it was concluded that the questioned writings on Q118 (torn "Kleenex box") were prepared by GINGER NANCE, K35. Similarities were also noted between the word "broult" and the known writings of NANCE but the lack of known writing precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

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The following are the results of an FBI Laboratory Report dated April 23, 1968:

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REPORT
of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 23, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561211 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 4/20/68

Q248 Payment coupon [redacted] bearing hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano, L.A. Calif."

Q249 Payment coupon [redacted] bearing hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano, L.A. Calif."

Q250 Payment coupon [redacted] bearing hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano, L.A. Calif."

Q251 Payment coupon [redacted] bearing hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt, 113-14th St., N.E. Atlanta-Ga."

Q252 Order blank for [redacted] bearing typewritten name and address "Eric S. Galt"

Q253 Envelope postmarked [redacted], Apr.-9'68" [redacted] bearing typewritten name and address for Eric S. Galt

Q254 Envelope postmarked [redacted] Apr.-10'68" [redacted] bearing typewritten name and address for Eric S. Galt

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Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on Q248, Q249, Q250 and Q251 was prepared by the individual responsible for preparing other hand printing on specimens in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt.

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q252, Q253 and Q254 are similar in style to those appearing on other items received in this matter believed to have emanated from Eric S. Galt, but the lack of identifying defects precluded a definite determination as to whether the same typewriter was used to prepare all of these items; however, no significant differences were noted.

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The following are the results of an FBI Laboratory Report dated April 26, 1968:

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REPORT
of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 26, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561586 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 4/24/68

Qc288 Photocopy of Canadian Money Order #C 31,600,868, in the amount of $17.50, signed "Eric Galt"

Result of examination:

Although the photocopy, Qc288, lacks the quality necessary for a satisfactory comparison, some differences were noted between the writing appearing on the face of this item when compared with the writings appearing on specimens submitted in this case.

Some features noted on Qc288 which might give an indication of its place of purchase are a stamp with the wording "Montreal 28 VII 67;" the number of the money order, "C-31,600,868;" the printed name "Hector Cormier" at the bottom of the money order and the initials "M." or "N." "D." on the bottom line to the right of the printed Cormier name.

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By communicated dated April 23, 1968, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

Two latent fingerprints of value developed on envelope, Q253, and two latent fingerprints developed on envelope, Q254. One of the latent fingerprints on Q253 and one of the latent fingerprints on Q254 have been identified as fingerprints submitted for elimination purposes of [redacted] The two remaining latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints submitted for elimination purposes or of the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

The latent fingerprint previously reported on the white envelope bearing hand printed address [redacted] Q215, has been identified as a fingerprint of [redacted]